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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public
School Academy Directors, Public Universities and Community Colleges,
Public School Academy Authorizers

FROM: Tom Watkins

DATE: August 11, 2003

SUBJECT: 2003-2004 Charter School Dissemination Grant - Ninth Cycle

The Michigan Department of Education is pleased to announce the Dissemination part of the 2003-2004 Charter School Grant Program - Ninth Cycle. This program is supported through funds from the United States Department of Education.

The purpose of this part of the program is to provide funding on a competitive basis for public school academies that have been in operation for at least three (3) consecutive years and have demonstrated overall success including:

- substantial progress in improving student achievement;
- high levels of parent satisfaction; and
- the management and leadership necessary to overcome initial start-up problems and establish a thriving, financially viable charter school.

In this part of the program, funds up to **\$200,000** will be made available for activities consistent with the grant program criteria.

Applications for the 2003-2004 Charter School Dissemination Grant - Ninth Cycle will be posted on the Department of Education website during the week of **August 11, 2003**. To locate the Competitive Grant Application form SB-4691-DS and the Criteria and Instructions packet, go to <http://www.mi.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5236---,00.html> and click on "2003-2004 Charter School Dissemination Grant."

Applications must be received at the Michigan Department of Education by **Monday, October 13, 2003**. It is anticipated that awards will be finalized during the later part of **October 2003**.

Questions about the Charter School Grant Program or the application materials may be directed to Greg Olszta in the Public School Academy Program at 517/241-4715.

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